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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6422**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 436**

**DATE PREPARED:** Nov 28, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Student Discipline.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill provides that a school corporation's discipline rules are not required to provide for student suspension or expulsion when there are statutory grounds for those actions, unless the situation involves firearms. The bill provides that officials may take a variety of disciplinary actions instead of suspension or expulsion. The bill also adds assignment to an extended day program to the list of disciplinary actions that may be taken in addition to or instead of suspension or expulsion.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2002.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** School corporations could experience a minimal increase in administrative time and cost in implementing rules under the bill. If a school corporation were to start an extended day program as provided in the bill, the school corporation could experience additional expenditure in order to develop the program. The specific effects would vary by school corporation and would depend upon local action.

Under current law, school corporations are required to establish written discipline rules and give general publicity to these rules within their respective schools.

*Background:* For the 2000-2001 school year, Indiana's average daily membership (ADM) consisted of 954,487 students, and public school enrollment totaled 988,691. Approximately 1,960 public schools were in operation within Indiana's 294 school corporations during that time.

The following table illustrates the number of suspensions and expulsions from school years 1996 through

2000 (data for 2001 are not yet complete).

**Suspensions and Expulsions for School Years 1996-2000**

YEAR	SUSPENSIONS	EXPULSIONS
2000	293,934	7,313
1999	305,767	9,263
1998	302,593	10,229
1997	306,034	9,340
1996	227,326	8,982

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** School Corporations.

**Information Sources:** DOE ORACLE Data Tables and SAS Data Sets.